GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:30
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2001
MILITANCY IN J & K
RAMJI LAL SUMAN;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made an assessment of the violent incidents which took place in Jammu and Kashmir during the period between the unilateral ceasefire and its withdrawal;

(b) if so, the number of ordinary citizens, army personnel, State Government officials as well as terrorists killed during this period;

(c) whether it is a fact that more deaths have taken place during the ceasefire than during the six months period immediately before the ceasfire;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government had assessed the possible consequences of a unilateral ceasefire;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to check infiltration/militancy in the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No.30 FOR ANSWE
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(a) to (d): A comparison of number of violent incidents and casualties during the 185 days of unilateral cease-fire and the corresponding period preceding it reveals the following picture:

	Pre-unilateral cease-fire 27.5.2000 to 27.11.2000 (185 days)	During unilateral cease-fire 28.11.2000 to 31.5.2001 (185 days)
Total incidents of violence	1672	2142
Total deaths	1669	1406
Civilians killed	461	543
Security personnel killed	223	266
Militants killed	985	597

As may be seen, during the peace initiative period the number of civilians and security personnel killed showed an increase.

(e) and (f): Yes, Sir. The Government of India assesses and reviews the security situation in Jammu & Kashmir on a regular basis. Such a review was carried out before announcing the unilateral cease-fire also. It was strongly felt, in deference to the wishes of the people of Jammu & Kashmir, that peace be given a chance in the State. The Government took a calculated step by declaring the principle of non-initiation of combat operations against militants/terrorists.

(g): With the withdrawal of restraint on initiating combat operations, the security forces have launched a vigorous counter-terrorism campaign against militants/terrorists in the hinterland as well as near LoC/International Border to check militancy and infiltration.

The Central Government, in concert with the State Government, is continuing with its multi-pronged strategy to curb militancy/terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir. This strategy, besides having a security dimension, also concentrates on accelerating economic development and redressing genuine grievances of the people. The Government has also kept its doors open for talks with all groups representing public opinion in the State.